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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Fair.

THE ASTORIA ELKS.

The Elks of this city are to have a home of their own. It is needless to say that what they do in this big premise will be of the best and the handsomest; they are not given to any other lines of endeavor.

The city will be strengthened and beautified by the progressive spirit of this fraternity and owes acknowledgment therefore. We wish every organization in the city was in a position to duplicate the work of the Red Men and the Elks, for it is such manifestations as these that mark the faith of the people in their city, and tell the man from abroad that we are confident of our own future and that we will make it ourselves while we are waiting for him to come and help us.

The young blood in the B. P. O. E. is what counts in such ventures as this, and speaks boldly and surely for the snap that inspires them. They are a credit to any community and their strength and constant growth is due to this eager and essential desire to build, and own, and be a factor in the community they stand for. Good luck to them and their project.

SHE STOPPED TO PLAY.

San Francisco took a day off Thursday to play; to rejoice in her revivification and celebrate her magnificent achievement since the blighting days of 1906. The world rejoices with her, and wishes her all she is striving for. She deserves the most abundant success and has won her spurs as a live and living center, with courage to face and do anything.

She is a type and a high one, and no man's tongue has sought but praise for her. She is American to the last kid, and boundary, and dwells in the very heart of the records of human progress. If a city can go through what San Francisco has, and come out swiftly, and aboundingly and surely what a lesson it supplies to those cities which are striving to build up along normal lines without such a dreadful reaction as she has had to inspire the effort. It will do any town good to take the instance to heart and profit by it.

INDISCRIMINATE GUN CARRYING.

There is not one man in ten thousand and who can be trusted to carry a six-shooter, with safety to himself and his fellows, yet it is common knowledge that at least ten per cent of that number do carry them, and the use they make of them is expressed in the records of crime and accident throughout the country. There is scarcely a city on the continent that does not pretend to prohibit their common use, and there is no class of laws so largely defied and ignored.

The worst of it all is, that the pernicious habit is adopted by the youngsters of the nation, with frequent and wretched results. They take to the notion of a six-shooter with avidity, mainly upon the principle that it contributes to their manly status and creates a place for them among their fellows that is to be envied and feared. It certainly does make them feared since there is no knowing when nor under what circumstances they will

use the thing. This is proven almost daily, and yet we find no attempt of any real value being made to abridge the danger.

It is growing to such proportions as to warrant the immediate interference of the legislatures and councils of the nation and what is done should be of such a character as will at once and forever check the evil; and if they cannot handle it, then the code of "paternalism" might be invoked to amend the situation. The power to protect its people is an undeniable prerogative of all phases of government.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Missouri has five of her ex-governors living within her boundaries. What is it, healthy climate, or tough gubernatorial timber? New York has six, but one lives in New Jersey and another is frequently absent from his legal residence on important business of the United States.

It may possibly be a trifle disappointing to Senator Foraker to notice that the only result of his tremendous defiance of the President of the United States is the announcement that personally Mr. N. Longworth, of Cincinnati, is in favor of Secretary Taft.

A very pretty contest of wits, with the "nutmeg" now a little ahead. The adoption of the mountain laurel is a good choice. Thirty-three states now have a "flower." The women of Connecticut are said to have secured the action of the Nutmeg solons.

Connecticut officially chooses the mountain laurel for the State flower. "The wooden nutmeg has no bloom," says the Boston Globe. Alas! true; in this respect it resembles the coffin, the State flower of Massachusetts.—Hartford "Evening Post."

The New York street-cleaning department is pleased to announce that plans are rapidly being perfected for cleaning off the snow with ease and dispatch. They will hold good and be in splendid working order all Summer.

The country seems to be doing as well as could be expected in view of the fact that the government is telling how to run the railroads and the railroad presidents are lecturing on how to run the Government.

One of the brightest spots in Thaw's trial is America's enjoyment of the ponderous sympathy of the British press, which sorrows for us exceedingly. Nothing else could have brought it out more fully.

Mr. Grover Cleveland did not argue for big salaries on the ground of the increased cost of living for life insurance presidents, but perhaps life is not worth living for them recently.

"Seeing the North Pole" excursions are under way. Select parties will be conducted over the Air Line, starting May 1 and returning August 30.—Adv. in daily paper in 1925.

The number of respectable business men who were indicted for conducting the Honduras lottery is quite a revelation to those who believed all good citizens observed the laws.

But without this recent flurry there would have been no excuse for the excellent Mr. Parker to remind the country once more that he is among those who ran.

One of the minor features of the mining show at the Grand Central Palace in New York, is the necessity of digging up if you want to see how it pans out.

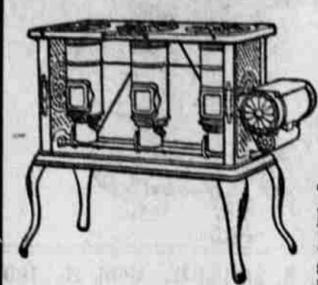
Sometimes it almost seems as if instead of retaining eminent counsel a man would do better just to send out and hire a lawyer.

Roosevelt's friends are said to be rallying around Taft. It will require quite a bunch of them to make a complete circle.

Disclosures show that sessions of the Thaw jury were fully as interesting as sessions of the trial.

Honduras and Nicaragua lie down together. Nicaragua takes the role of the lion.

Bitten By A Spider.
Through blood poisoning caused by a spider bite, John Washington, of Boqueville, Texas, would have lost his leg, which became a mass of running sores, had he not been persuaded to try Bucklen's Arnica Salva. He writes: "The first application relieved, and four boxes healed all the sores." Heals every sore. 25c. at Chas. Rogers, Druggist.



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